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Re U.S. Patent Application

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For: **SEMI-MOIST ORAL DELIVERY
SYSTEM**

Examiner: T. Ware

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action of September 07, 2001, including the Examiner's interview summary form, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, and 26 as follows:

1. (four times amended) A carrier for the oral administration of an additive selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical, nutritional supplements, vitamins and minerals, and mixtures thereof to mammals in a discrete dosage form, said carrier comprising:

an extrudate including a matrix having

about 10 to about 50% wt starch,

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